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Title: NETWORKED VEHICLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM COMPRISING  
A FRONT-END UNIT, A TERMINAL THAT CAN BE OPERATED  
BY A USER, AND A CORRESPONDING APPLICATION

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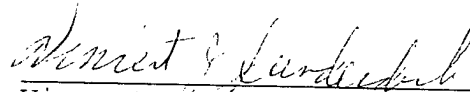
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